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SPEAKING, HE SAID, FOR HIS ENTIRE DELEGATION, MR LELAND DECLARED: "WE WILL DO OUR PART AS A NATION AND AS A PEOPLE." EARLIER, IN MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF ETHIOPIA'S RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION, MR LELAND STRESSED THIS POINT, SAYING "THE PEOPLE AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAVE RESPONDED IN A BIG WAY."

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THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP MADE FLYING VISITS TO THE MAJOR PORT OF ASSAB AND TO RELIEF CENTERS AT MAKELLE AND KOREM IN NORTHERN PART OF ETHIOPIA.

"WE HAVE SEEN WHAT WE WANTED TO SEE AND WE HAVE SPOKEN TO WHOM WE WANTED," MR LELAND SAID. HIS CONCLUSION, HE SAID, WAS THIS: "THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA NEED MORE HELP THAN THEY ARE GETTING."

EVEN AS MR LELAND WAS SAYING THIS, OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WERE WORKING URGENTLY TO LOCATE FOODSTUFFS THAT COULD BE DIVERTED TO HELP ALLEVIATE A DECEMBER SHORTFALL. A SHIP HEADED FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY WITH A ROUTINE DELIVERY WAS LOCATED AND SENT STEAMING FOR ETHIOPIA. THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SPENT AN ENTIRE DAY TUESDAY IN MEETINGS WITH ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEY OPENED THE DAY WITH A LENGTHY SESSION WITH DAWIT WOLDE GIORGIS, COMMISSIONER OF THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION, FOLLOWED BY SESSIONS WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH GIZAW TSEHAY; MINISTER OF LABOR BERHANU BAYIH AND WITH A 90-MINUTE MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN MENGISTU.

IN REPLY TO NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS ON HIS MEETING WITH MR MENGISTU, THE CONGRESSMAN REPLIED: "WE HAVE NOW AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK TO OUR COUNTRY TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA IS IN FACT WILLING VERY MUCH, DELIGHTED, TO WORK WITH US AS A COUNTRY. THERE IS A MESSAGE THAT WAS GIVEN TO US BY MR MENGISTU AND THAT IS THAT HE WANTS TO DEVELOP MUCH BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IN ORDER THAT WE NOT ONLY SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS IN THE SHORT TERM BUT ALSO THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO A LONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP IN THE FUTURE...".

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